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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re the Application of: **Masanobu SUGAWARA et al.**

Group Art Unit: 1626

Application Number: **10/716,430**

Examiner: **Andrew B. Freistein**

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For: **PROCESS FOR PREPARING OPTICALLY ACTIVE AMINO ACID  
DERIVATIVES**

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Customer Number: **38834**

**AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.111**

Mail Stop Amendment  
Commissioner for Patents  
P. O. Box 1450  
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April 27, 2006

Sir:

This Amendment is in response to the Office Action dated January 27, 2006, in which the Examiner set forth a three-month period for response, making a response timely if filed on or before April 27, 2006. Filed concurrently herewith is a Declaration Under 37 C.F.R. §1.132 by Mr. Akio Fujii and an Amendment Transmittal.

Please amend the above-identified application as follows: